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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Notification of Ex Parte Communication
MB Docket Nos. 02-277, 01-235, 96-197, 01-317, and 00-244

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you, in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, that on March 21, 2003, George Mahoney, General Counsel and Secretary of Media General, Inc., John Fcore of this office, and I met with W. Kenneth Ferree, Media Bureau Chief, and Paul Gallant, Special Advisor, Media Ownership Working Group, to discuss Media General, Inc.'s interest in repeal of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule in all markets. The discussion addressed Media General's concern over any FCC attempt to craft a single rule to address ownership of various types of media outlets; the FCC's diversity goal; the FCC staff's consideration of various ways of attempting to measure diversity, such as a quantification and weighting of "voices"; the type of media outlets that would have their ownership regulated under such measures; and Media General's motion to bifurcate and repeal the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule that was filed on March 11, 2003.

As required by section 1.1206(b), two copies of this letter are being submitted for each of the above-referenced dockets.

Very truly yours,



M. Anne Swanson

cc by telecopy.:

W. Kenneth Ferree, Esquire
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